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RULES

FOR THE

SAINT GEORGES' SOCIETY

OF

ST. JOHN, N. B.

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RULES, &c.

I.

THIS Society ſhall be known and diſtinguiſhed by the Name of SAINT GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

II.

THE Members of this Society ſhall aſſemble at ſome convenient Houſe in the City of Saint John, four times in every Year, beſides their Anniverſary Meeting, viz :—Firſt Monday in April, firſt Monday in July, firſt Monday in October, and firſt Monday in January, at *seven* o'Clock in the evening for the three firſt of the above Quarterly Meetings, and at *six* o'Clock for the remaining one. At theſe Meetings the Society or the Major part of the Members then met, may reſolve upon and vote ſuch further Rules and Regulations, as may from time to time be found neceſſary for its order and harmony.

III.

At the Meeting in April the Members then regularly met, ſhall by a majority of Votes, elect by ballot, the Officers for the enſuing year, viz.—a Preſident, Vice-Preſident, Treaſurer, and Secretary, all of whom muſt be reſidents in the City of Saint John.

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IV.

THE Meeting on Saint George's Day ſhall be called the *Anniverſary Meeting of Saint George's Society*, on which day, or the following, if that happens to be Sunday, the Officers elect are to enter upon their Offices for the enſuing year.

V.

THAT there ſhall be, at each Quarterly Meeting three Members elected by ballot, as a ſtanding Committee for the enſuing Quarter, who in conjunction with the Officers, ſhall have full power to tranſact any buſineſs that may occur between the Quarterly Meetings—of all which they ſhall make a true and faithful report at the next Quarterly Meeting.

VI.

THE Members met at any Quarterly or Special Meeting, ſhall have power to admit into the Society any Man of good character and reputation, being a native of England or Engliſh deſcent, as a reſident Member, provided nine or more of the ſaid Members be preſent, a leſs number than which ſhall not conſtitute a Meeting; and every Candidate hereafter to be propoſed for admiſſion into the Society, muſt be regularly ballotted for, when in all caſes three black beans or negatives ſhall exclude; and with reſpect to honorary Members that is to ſay, ſuch Gentlemen as do not ſtatedly reſide in the Province or in the City, but become contributors and benefactors, their admiſſion ſhall be wholly left to the diſcretion of the Preſident, or Vice-Preſident, in the abſence of the former, and the ſtanding Committee or a majority of them.

VII.

EVERY Gentleman ſo admitted, who ſhall give any ſum

ſum, not leſs than one guinea, ſhall be reported at the firſt Quarterly Meeting following, and his name entered in the Books as an honorary Member.

VIII.

If any of the Officers happen to die, or remove out of the Province, or to an inconvenient diſtance from the City, during the Year for which they are elected, then and in that caſe the Members at the next Quarterly Meeting, ſhall by plurality of votes elect others in their room, for the remaining part of the year, or if any by ſickneſs, &c. are neceſſarily abſent from any regular Meeting, others ſhall be elected in their room, pro tempore, by a majority of the Members preſent.

IX.

Any Member being duly elected to any Office, and refuſing to Act, ſhall forfeit and pay twenty ſhillings for the uſe of the Society, and another ſhall be immediately choſen in his room, provided ſuch Member ſo refuſing has not ſerved in the ſame Office immediately preceding the Election.

X.

The Preſident, or in his abſence the Vice-Preſident, or in caſe of the abſence of both, the Treaſurer and Secretary with the Standing Committee, ſhall appoint a place of meeting in the City of Saint John, every Quarter, and direct the Secretary to give at leaſt two days notice thereof to each Member, and on any particular emergency they may alſo call a Meeting, giving at leaſt one day's notice to the Members; and in caſe the Secretary for the time being ſhall neglect to warn the Society of any Quarterly or Special Meeting, as aforeſaid, he ſhall forfeit and pay into the hands of the Treaſurer the ſum of ten ſhillings: every ſuch Special Meeting

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ſo called, ſhall be poſſeſſed of the ſame power in diſtributing Charity as any Quarterly Meeting.

XI.

Every Member, then reſident in the City, who ſhall be abſent from any regular Meeting, ſhall be noted in the Minutes by the Secretary, and unleſs he makes a reaſonable excuſe for his default, at the next Meeting, he ſhall forfeit and pay for every time he is ſo abſent the ſum of two ſhillings and ſixpence for the uſe of the Society.

XII.

Every Member of this Society appearing at the Anniverſary Meeting on Saint George's Day, ſhall have a Saint George's Croſs on his left Breaſt, otherwiſe he ſhall forfeit and pay five ſhillings for the uſe of the Society.

XIII.

Every reſident Member of this Society as well as any Member hereafter to be admitted, ſhall immediately ſubſcribe the Rules, and pay into the hands of the Treaſurer a ſum not leſs than ten ſhillings, to be applied according to the Rules hereinafter mentioned.

XIV.

Every reſident Member of this Society ſhall pay Quarterly into the hands of the Treaſurer, a ſum not leſs than two ſhillings and ſixpence, (excluſive of ſevenpence halfpenny each, for the purpoſe of defraying the expence of room, fire, and candle-light) and the Treaſurer ſhall collect the Quarterly dues and fines of the preceding Quarter, for which purpoſe he ſhall be furniſhed by the Secretary with a liſt of the ſums due from each Member; and any Member refuſing to pay his Quarterly dues or fines when demanded, to be no longer con-

conſidered as a Member, and his name to be eraſed from the Books; but if any reſident Member ſhould through misfortune, be ſo reduced as not to be able to pay his dues, (provided he has been a Member not leſs than two years) the Society or a majority of the Members, at any Quarterly Meeting, then preſent, may remit the ſame, and permit that unfortunate Perſon to remain as a Member, though he be unable to pay; any thing in this Article to the contrary notwithſtanding.

XV.

All beneſactions, donations, dues and forfeitures ſhall be paid into the hands of the Treaſurer, who immediately after entering upon his Office, ſhall become bound in an obligation to the Preſident and Vice-Preſident, or either of them in double the value of the Society's Stock, then to be put into his hands with conditions to render a juſt and true account of the ſame, as alſo of all beneſactions, donations, Quarterly payments, forfeitures, and other improvements thereof, (fire and other unforeſeen accidents excepted) and deliver the ſame to the obligers, or to the order of the Society, or to the next Treaſurer, at any time when thereunto required by a majority of the Members regularly met at any Quarterly meeting.

XVI.

As providing means for the relief of thoſe in want is principally intended by the formation of this Society, all the money which from time to time, ſhall be paid into the hands of the Treaſurer, ſhall be uſed and applied to the beſt advantage for promoting that deſign, and if at any time there ſhall be more Money in Stock than the preſent exigencies of the Poor require, the Treaſurer at the deſire, and by the direction of the Society at any

any General or Quarterly Meeting, ſhall lend out the ſame at intereſt, on good ſecurity for the payment thereof, for any time not exceeding one year; which ſecurity ſhall be taken in the name of the Treaſurer, in the preſence of two or more of the ſtanding Committee then preſent, who ſhall witneſs the ſame, and then the bonds or notes ſo taken ſhall be lodged with the ſaid Treaſurer for the time being.

XVII.

The Charity of the Society ſhall be applied in the following manner, viz: the Preſident or Vice-Preſident, with the other Officers of the Society, and the ſtanding Committee (or in the abſence of either of them, the abſentees to be ſupplied by a like number of Members) ſhall have power to draw on the Treaſurer for the time being, payable to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall deem proper objects of the Society's Charity, which the Treaſurer ſhall immediately pay:—Provided alſo, that the ſums ſo drawn for, do not exceed three pounds to any one Perſon, and ſix pounds in the whole during one Quarter, and of the ſaid drafts and payments the Treaſurer ſhall make report at the next Quarterly Meeting; but for any larger ſums, the poor perſon ſhall be obliged to petition the Society at the next Quarterly Meeting, when the Members met ſhall by pleurality of votes, order what ſum they may think proper, provided the ſame do not exceed ſix pounds to any one perſon, or twelve pounds in the whole during one quarter.

XVIII.

That the ſeal of the Society with a Saint George and Dragon engraven upon it, ſhall remain in the hands of the Preſident for the time being, to be uſed as hereinafter directed.

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All reſident or honorary Members, ſhall upon application for the ſame, be furniſhed with a Certificate of their admiſſion under the Society's Seal, which ſhall be ſigned by the Preſident, or in his abſence by the Vice-Preſident and the Secretary, the form of which ſhall be as follows :

These are to certify that ——— was regularly admitted a Member of Saint Georges' Society of the City of Saint John, in the Province of New-Brunſwick, at a Meeting of the Society the —— day of —— Anno Domini. Given under our hands and ſeal of the Society, the day and year above written.

A. C. D.
Preſident.

D. G. Secretary.

XX.

The Treaſurer for the time being ſhall regularly enter all ſums of money received, or directed to be paid according to the Rules, together with the names of the perſons paying, and the particular time when the ſaid ſums were paid ; he ſhall likewiſe enter all diſburſements made by order of the Preſident, &c. and produce the books to be inſpected and examined by the Members every Quarterly Meeting.

XXI.

A book ſhall be provided as often as neceſſary, wherein the Secretary ſhall enter all the Rules and Orders which now are, or hereafter ſhall be voted and agreed upon for the regulation of the Society, and in another Book ſo to be provided, the names of all the Members ; with the time of their admiſſion, and alſo the election of

of Officers. The Secretary ſhall likewiſe duly enter in the ſaid Book all Petitions to the Society, and orders of it for the payment of money, alſo all donations, all reports made by any of the Officers, alſo forfeitures incurred by any of the Members, and all the other proceedings and tranſactions of the Society, when regularly met together; and in caſe of the death of any of the Members, the ſame ſhall be noted on the liſt.

XXII.

At the meetings of the Society, after the Preſident or Vice-Preſident has taken the Chair, the Rules ſhall be laid on the table for the peruſal of the Members, and nothing ſhall be talked of but the buſineſs of the Society, while the Preſident keeps the Chair, and whoever offends againſt this Rule after being once reprimanded from the Chair, ſhall forfeit and pay two ſhillings and ſixpence for the uſe of the Society, and whoever ſhall be abſent when the liſt is called over, which ſhall be in half an hour after the time fixed for meeting, ſhall forfeit and pay one ſhilling and threepence for the like uſe.

XXIII.

Good order and decency ſhall be obſerved in all the proceedings of the Society, and every Member ſpeaking on buſineſs, ſhall ſtand up and direct his diſcourſe to the Chairman, and no Member is to ſpeak more than once on the ſame ſubject, except by leave from the Chair, or to explain; the Preſident after full debate, ſhall ſtate the queſtion, and propoſe the ſame to the vote of the Society, in all which matters a majority of the Members then met ſhall prevail.

XXIV.

Every Member of this Society, upon application to the

the Treaſurer, ſhall be furniſhed with a copy of theſe Rules, for which he ſhall pay the ſum of one ſhilling, for the uſe of the Society, and unleſs he produce the ſaid copy at every Quarterly Meeting in April, he ſhall forfeit and pay a fine of two ſhillings and ſixpence; and the ſaid Rules ſhall be deemed the fundamental Articles and Rules of the Society, and ſhall not be altered or abrogated otherwiſe than by the conſent of at leaſt two thirds of the Members regularly met at any Quarterly Meeting.

Voted unanimouſly and agreed to at the City of Saint John, in the Province of New-Brunſwick, the third day of July, Annoque Domini, one thouſand eight hundred and ſixteen.

MEMBERS NAMES.--APRIL 1820.

Harry Peters, President,
Thomas Smith, Vice,
John M. Wilmot,
John R. Partelow,
Craven Calverley,
Samuel Miles, Jun.
Charles Herring,
James Grundy,
William N. Venning,
William George Cody,
Joe Brand,
Isaac L. Bedell,
Thomas Sancton,
Thomas Milledge,
Thomas Barlow,
Paul Prince,
Henry Halsall,
Samuel Green,
Samuel Garrison,
William Taylor,
Thomas Sandall,
James O. Betts,
Thomas Adams,
Thomas P. Williams,
James Waterbery,
Benjamin L. Peters,
Charles Raymond,
Richard Bartlett.
James White,
Thomas Raymond,
John Ward, Jun.
John Frink,
William George,
Robert Ray,
James Cudlip,
William Adams,
Henry Chubb,
Ezekiel Barlow, Jun.
John Godard,
Richard Winter,
Leverit Bradley,
William Reynolds,
John T. Younghusband,
Thomas Merritt,
Abdiel Kirk,
Daniel Analey,
John Barnes,
Thomas Rawleigh,
James H. Fowler,
Robert Godfrey,
Richard Lawrence,
Robert Welch,
Charles Ward,
Edward J. Chamberlain,
William Walker,
Stephen Wiggins,
Jehiel Partelow, jun.
Daniel Leavitt,
William H. Smith.
Henry Blakslee,
James T. Hanford,
William Carman,